

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">Garner Police Department</h1> <h2 style="text-align: center;">Written Directive</h2>	
	Chapter: 800 – Operations	
	Directive: 820.05 – Escorts	
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820.5.1 - Purpose

The purpose of this directive is to establish guidelines for police vehicular escorts by Department personnel.

820.5.2 - Policy

The Department provides law enforcement escorts on a limited basis.

820.5.3 – General Escort Services (61.3.3)

- A. General escort services are primarily provided by patrol officers or, if necessary, other sworn personnel may also provide these services if no patrol officers are available.
- B. The following are the different types of general escorts the Department normally provides:
 1. Business Escorts (also known as Bank Escorts) – Requests from business employees for a police escort to a vehicle and/or a bank generally related to the carrying of money after hours. Business escorts are conducted in the following manner:
 - a. Unless otherwise directed, the business employee will travel in their personal vehicle, with the officer following in the police vehicle, and
 - b. Officers are to remain with the employee until the bank deposit or other business is completed.
 2. Dignitaries and VIP Escorts - Requests for escorts for dignitaries and public officials. The Traffic Unit supervisor or, if not available, an on-duty supervisor will evaluate the request and make the appropriate assignments based on the perceived need and the availability of personnel.
 3. Medical or Emergency Escorts:
 - a. Police officers may escort ambulances and other emergency vehicles under the following circumstances:
 - 1) When an operator of an ambulance or fire apparatus is unfamiliar with the route to the destination; or
 - 2) When the emergency equipment of an ambulance or fire apparatus is inoperative.
 - b. In all incidents involving emergency escorts, the officer is to notify the [Raleigh-Wake Emergency Communications Center \(RWECC\)](#) when beginning and ending the escort.

- c. The Garner Police Department does not escort civilian vehicles under emergency circumstances. The Department regards this practice as extremely dangerous and instead requires officers to evaluate the declared emergency and summon the assistance necessary to provide the appropriate aid.
 - d. Emergency deliveries of blood, critically needed medication, or other items of this nature may be assigned by RWECC. Any such assignment must be approved by a supervisor.
4. Other Escorts - Any other unusual circumstances that dictate a police escort as directed by an on-duty supervisor or Command Staff personnel.

820.5.4 - Traffic-Related Escorts (61.3.3)

- A. Traffic-related escort services are normally provided by Traffic Safety Unit officers. Other sworn officers may provide and/or assist with traffic-related escorts if necessary.
- B. The following are the different types of traffic-related escorts the Department normally provides:
- 1. Funeral escorts: officers are authorized to escort funerals up to 3 miles outside the Town limits unless otherwise directed by a Department supervisor. Funeral escorts will be conducted in the following manner:
 - a. The primary escort vehicle shall use emergency lights and headlights. Assisting units will use emergency lights as necessary to maneuver through and control traffic at intersections;
 - b. The primary escort vehicle will maintain a safe speed and proceed through intersections in a safe and practical manner;
 - c. If other units are available, they are to assist with intersections which are directly affected by the funeral escort. Officers will wear their reflective vests anytime they are outside the vehicle and directing traffic;
 - d. Officers will exit their vehicle when assisting with traffic at intersections. At no time is an officer to direct traffic from inside the vehicle; and,
 - e. Officers providing or assisting with a funeral escort will come to attention and will hold salute any time the family car and hearse pass by so long as it can be done safely given their location at the time.
 - 2. Traffic escorts of hazardous cargo, oversized loads, or unusual cargo: Requests are reviewed based on available staffing and the public safety impact and are coordinated by the Traffic Unit supervisor or, if not available, an on-duty supervisor.